

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the first paragraph of the Summary of the Invention and The Abstract have been amended to reflect the invention as further defined in this amendment. The amended paragraphs are supported in the Description Section of the application on page 22, line 32, to page 23, line 11.

Claims 1 through 25 stand rejected. Claims 1 through 25 have been canceled. New Claims 26 through 48 has been added to further define the invention. The new claims are fully supported by the original disclosure.

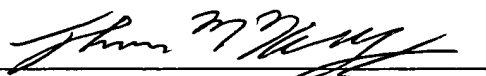
Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-25 stand rejected as obvious over cited prior art. Because Applicants have canceled the rejected claims, a response to the obviousness rejections is mute.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call Linda K. Russell at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

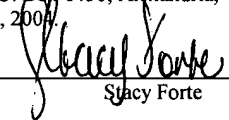


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